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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT PROTECTION FOR FOSTER CARE CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Children and Families, pursuant to the federal Fair and Accurate
3 Credit Transactions Act, shall request a free credit report on behalf of
4 a child or youth who is in the custody of the commissioner and placed
5 in foster care. The commissioner shall make such request not later than
6 fifteen days after the issuance of an order assigning custody of the
7 child or youth to the commissioner or, if the child or youth is in the
8 custody of the commissioner and has been placed in foster care on or
9 before July 1, 2010, the commissioner shall make such request not later
10 than July 31, 2010. Upon receipt of the credit report, the commissioner
11 or a designee of the commissioner shall review the report for evidence
12 of identity theft, as defined in section 53a-129a of the general statutes.
13 If the commissioner or the commissioner's designee finds evidence of
14 identity theft, not later than five business days after receipt of the
15 credit report, the commissioner shall: (1) Report such findings to the
16 Attorney General, the police department that has jurisdiction over the

17 geographic area where the child or youth resides and the Federal
 18 Trade Commission; and (2) request, pursuant to section 36a-699f of the
 19 general statutes, that each of the three major national credit rating
 20 agencies block and not report the information appearing on the credit
 21 report as a result of identity theft.

22 (b) Not later than five business days after receipt of the credit report
 23 requested pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner
 24 or the commissioner's designee shall make a request to place a security
 25 freeze on the child's or youth's credit report pursuant to section 36a-
 26 701a of the general statutes. The commissioner or the commissioner's
 27 designee shall request removal of the security freeze not later than five
 28 business days after the child or youth is released from the
 29 commissioner's custody. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the
 30 commissioner or the commissioner's designee from requesting a
 31 temporary lifting of a security freeze on behalf of a child or youth for
 32 good cause.

33 (c) The commissioner shall maintain (1) the child's or youth's credit
 34 report; (2) documentation of the request for a security freeze; (3)
 35 documentation of the request for removal of the security freeze; and (4)
 36 all other related information for a period of not less than five years
 37 after the child or youth is released from the commissioner's custody.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To protect children and youth from having their Social Security numbers misused when in foster care.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]